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IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUGGESTION IN REFTEL THE TEXT OF A NOTE
TO THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. (DIPLOMATIC OPENING). I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO
DISCUSSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEMBERS OF OUR GOVERNMENTS DURING
A 25 NOVEMBER 1974 MEETING HELD IN WASHINGTON, IN WHICH
REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, THE
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION AND THE
NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION DESCRIBED TO
THEIR CANADIAN GOVERNMENT COUNTERPARTS US PLANS FOR THE
LARGE AREA CROP INVENTORY EXPERIMENT (LACIE) WHICH WILL
TEST THE USE OF SATELLITE DATA TO ENHANCE THE TIMELINESS
AND ACCURACY OF MAJOR CROP FORECASTS. PARAGRAPH. WE WISH TO
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CONFIRM THAT THE THREE COOPERATING US AGENCIES WOULD WEL-

COME CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE LACIE PROJECT. SUCH PARTICIPATION, WE BELIEVE, WOULD BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL AND WOULD ENHANCE THE EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM WE INTEND TO CARRY OUT. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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